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EDITOR'S NOTE

With this issue, Marie Wassenberg becomes associate editor of the Grapevine, succeeding H. T. (Bill) Mason, who leaves for service in the Navy. Bill takes with him the thanks of the entire staff for his help since he became associate editor in June 1943. Marie Wassenberg has had the responsibility of keeping both the former and the present editor on the path of rectitude for more than a year, and her promotion to a formal place on the "masthead" is scant recognition for the contribution she has made and continues to make.

News From Field And Camp



LETTERS FROM OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN SERVICE

Lt. Col. O. W. Herrmann (O-919922, G5, S.H.A.E.F., APO 757, c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.) I've just arrived in these parts, (England) and like it very much although I was sorry to leave Italy and North Africa now that it's warming up a bit. Don't let anyone tell you that southern Italy is a sunny place in the winter. I wore my G.I. "long-handled" and sweater plus a wool shirt all winter and still was cold most of the time. Called on Paul James one day but missed him. Saw much of Stanley Andrews, Everett Kauffman, Ernest Diebel, in Italy and Sicily. Have already seen some of Scotland and rural England. Was much impressed with the beauty of the countryside, the farm homes, and the good

looking livestock. I appreciate being back in a country where I can sometimes understand the natives and where sanitation and the truth are held in some esteem. Regards to FCA gang.

Pvt. Walter P. Kowalski, (6830038, 370th T.S.S.-123, Scott Field, Ill.) It seems like only yesterday I joined this man's army but already I have passed my first year mark. I'm graduating from radio school now and where I go from here depends entirely on my physical qualifications. I didn't know there was so much to radio. In my first 10 weeks here I built a transmitter and a commercial type receiver. The last 10 weeks are the hardest; we study radio operating procedure and operation of aircraft radios. For today's lecture we had technical orders and how to look up subjects. And whaddaya know? I thought I was back in General Files, when they started throwing OO-1-15's at me. Those weekly General Files letters are strictly on the beam. I like to know what is going on back at FCA and I'm sure all the other boys are interested too. Well, that's all the news on this communique so I'll sign off radio operator style. Over and Out.

Kenneth Whitaker (C D 2190 FPO, San Francisco, Calif.) I'm now in New Guinea, on a stopover with destination unknown. We left Rhode Island on the 4th of January, so this is the 71st actual day on my trip (1 day was lost at the International Date Line.) Of that time we've spent about 6 days ashore, and the rest at sea. It certainly seems

like an awfully long time, especially to an old land lubber. We were in New Guinea once before, but didn't land here the previous time. There's plenty of need to welcome us this time. Most of the time we spent ashore was at a couple of ports in Australia. At one of them we didn't get any liberty, but that was compensated for a great deal by what is reputed to be the best chow in the Navy. We were allowed liberty at the other base and got to wander through the nearby town. It was quite different from American towns of the same size - it seemed to be a cross between village, town, and city. We enjoyed the luxury of cots ashore. I'd surely like to hear from you all.

Lt. N. J. Margaritis (01304756, 503 Prcht. Inf., APO 923, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.) My overseas duty began when I pulled out of Frisco harbor and landed in Australia the first week in December. Shortly after my arrival I was sent up to New Guinea to join the 503rd Prcht. Regt. After spending about 6 weeks in New Guinea we returned to Australia where we have settled in a nice camp with a large city nearby. We are quite happy in our new station because we have fresh eggs, poultry, fresh milk, fresh fruits, vegetables, ice cream, and Coca Cola. I just had a letter from a former FCA'er, Ted Grydyk, and he is well and getting along okay. Before I close let me remind you that I look forward to news about FCA doings and its members so keep the Grapevine coming.

Strictly Personal



Central Office Accounting. Mary Kearns, who left on April 16 to join her husband in Columbia, S. C., was presented with a fitted cosmetic kit as a token of the section's best wishes...Bill Holman is spending a week at his home in the city of "Tumbling Waters" (Ottumwa), Iowa... An Easter remembrance in the form of a beautiful orchid was received by Cecelia DiCanzio from her husband in England... Bill Mason has finally received shipping orders and plans to leave for Farragut, Idaho, on April 21...The Delbert Mehaffy's enjoyed a relaxing week's vacation in Iowa...Bob Yorkdale received tidings that the Armed Forces will not request his services for a time yet... Isabelle Hamlin, who left for a brief rest in Milwaukee before reporting for duty on a new job with TWA in Kansas City, was given a lovely pair of white gloves and a white pique corsage...A Sheaffer pen and pencil set was a gift of the section to Margaret Ellefson as she left for Wave training...Clarice Andrews' soldier brother arrived in town for a week end visit...The Air WAC's now claim Ruth Peterson who took the Oath on April 1.

Chief Clerk's Office. T. L. Piper is vacationing in Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C.

Economic & Credit Research. Betty Frew enjoyed a visit from her sister, Margaret, recently of FCA, who had completed yeoman training and was en route to Great Lakes Naval Training Station... Lydia Ruch from Examination Division is a new member of our group...Girls of Statistical Unit presented Betty Burge with a portfolio and polish kit with wishes for luck in her new venture with the Marines.

Emergency Crop & Feed Loan. Our sympathy to Les Futrell who has been on leave because of the death of his brother-in-law.

Examination. Mary Nolz is vacationing at her home in South Dakota and in St. Paul where she will attend the wedding of her brother of the U. S. Navy ...Welcome to Mrs. Lena Kent, a new member of Verification Unit...Agnes Nemanich enjoyed a visit from two members of the Armed Forces from her home town in Minnesota, a girl friend in the WAC's and her brother, a corporal in the field artillery.

Finance & Accounts. Mary Jane Blyholder enjoyed a week end visit from her brother, Lt. Joe Blyholder, who was en route to Ft. Washington, Md., to attend Adjutant General's School... Kenneth Boyce returned from Ft. Leavenworth a member of the U. S. Army...It is nice to have Ruth McMann as a new member of Typing Unit...Verna Brewer week ended with her sister in Nevada, Mo....Mildred Farrow has returned to the office after a week's absence

because of illness...Olga Markham is a six-time blood donor...Meda Martin entertained week end guests from the Ozarks...Lt. Gray Hume, Jr., arrived from Chicago for a few days' visit with his family and FCA friends...Members of Review Unit and their families got together for a steak-fry at Swope Park on a recent eve. Croquet and badminton were enjoyed...Nora Reynolds has returned to her desk after an extended leave spent caring for her mother who was ill ...Welcome to Virginia Bahr, new secretary to Mr. Ferguson...Olga Markham enjoyed Easter with her parents in Adrian, Mo....Delta Vaughn's sister and brother-in-law arrived from Wellington, Kans., for a week end visit...On Easter Opal Clark journeyed to Knob Noster, Mo., to visit her soldier husband...Virginia Lee Davis from NFLA Section is Mr. Light's new secretary.

General Files. Julia Cornett, who will be wed on April 22 to Patrick Garder, Jr., at the Community Church, by Dr. Burris Jenkins, was honoree at several entertaining parties. A miscellaneous shower was given for her by Laura Miller at her home in Mission, Kans., and a waffle supper was given by Roberta Hendee... Two former employees were recent visitors, Lee Orr and Jack Ellis...Rose Fleming, with her daughter, left for Phoenix, Ariz., to enjoy the presentation of wings to her son of the U. S. Army...Naval training took Harry Schlick to Great Lakes, Ill....Kathleen Thomas enjoyed a few days in Harrington, Kans. ...Catherine Champe from Stenographic Section is Miss Connor's new secretary...

Mary Mahoney is leaving for a vacation in Washington...Members of the section at a coffee and donut party said good-bye and good luck to Zelma Dashner, who is returning to Washington and a new position there.

Governor's Office. Jeanette Hastings breezed off on a vacation trip East with the "man in her life."

Information & Extension. Inez Barber was happy to have her sister arrive in Kansas City to accept a position with TWA and make her home with her.

Intermediate Credit. A Red Cross certificate signifies that F. D. Van Sant has made his fifth visit to the blood bank.

Land Bank. We knew the hospitals were crowded these days, but we didn't expect to find Max Menk recuperating in the maternity ward of St. Luke's!... Paul Tomasello's gifts to the blood bank reach a total of six...Ann Wilson from Information & Extension Division is on detail to NFLA Section...It was lonesome in the division the week of April 10 with Jim Isleib, Carl Colvin, Col. Jim Davis, Roy Hendrix, Paul Tomasello, Frank Jones, Charlie Gunnels, and Paul Carson all attending a conference in St. Louis.

Library. Elizabeth Ann Egy, Petty Officer second class, visited friends in the library...A pleasant Easter was spent by Ruth Polson with her parents in Carthage, Mo....Phoebe Norton and Bernice Nilson were present to enjoy

the finals of the oratorical contest of the Public Speaking Class, at which Louise Pressgrove was a participant, and the lovely banquet preceding the orations.

Mail. Donna McClurg is vacationing in Spring Valley, Wis....We know that spring is here by the sudden appearance of air-cooled haircuts in the section... Lavelle Clements has volunteered for service with the boys who fight "on land or sea" and is presently awaiting call.

Personnel. It has happened! Margaret Gallagher is sporting a sparkler, the gift of Ben Russell...We haven't seen Ann Spink since she began her vacation on the arrival of her husband from England..."Sprouts will soon be springing up" says Classification Unit enthusiastically of their Co-op Victory garden...Sgt. and Mrs. Dave Stanley are the proud possessors of a 7 lb. 14 oz. daughter, Margaret Taylor, born April 14.

Personnel Files. Members of the section gave a delightful dinner party for Ruth Seigrist who is leaving to resume her studies at Kirksville, Mo., Teachers College.

Property & Supply. Six visits to the blood bank have been made by James Bracklin...Anything can happen here! Oscar, the mouse, mentioned in the last issue of the Grapevine, has just had three tiny additions to "her" family.

Solicitor's Office. Bruce King, with Mrs. King and son, John, on a trip to Washington will combine pleasure with

business and visit his brother, James King, in Arlington, Va....We are glad to see F. Olmsted back at his desk after an illness of several months... E. Anthony is spending some time in Washington officially...While at her home in Newell, Iowa, on an Easter vacation, Ethel Hoemann decided to undergo a needed tonsillectomy.

Stenographic. Two newcomers are welcomed to our group, Cleeta Powell and Jean Ware...Gertrude Spear is vacationing for 2 weeks at her home in Leoti, Kans.... Severalfortunates who enjoyed Easter week end out of town include Ramona Trout in Lawson, Mo.; Alice Eiberger in King City, Mo.; Aileene Bashford in Breckenridge, Mo.; Wilma Black in Grant City, Mo.; and Lula Tavenner with her son, Russell, at Kemper Military School in Boonville, Mo.

Telephone. Helen Baughman has returned to the office after recovering from a tonsillectomy under the care of her mother who arrived from Oklahoma...Irene Ellefson is leaving for a visit at her home in Garretson, S. Dak....Catherine Donnelly was thrillingly surprised by a visit from her fiancée who arrived from Washington for a glimpse of her and Kansas City.

OUR WASHINGTON REPORTER

Our former FCA'er, George Crown, has answered the call to colors and will be in the Army April 28 - Good luck, George! Spring fever has touched several of our gang here - Anna Louise Wade spent a week end in New York - doin' the town!

and Grace McGuire joined the Easter throng at Atlantic City. Your "reporter" along with Larry Mann and Marie Zandonini made another trip to the Blood Bank (plus a shy violet who prefers not to be named!) ...CR&S welcomes a new employee - Miss Anna May Goode, formerly of the War Department. The "gals" of CR&S and Liaison offices bade farewell to Edna Woods at a luncheon the other day - she is going with the State Department - Foreign Service Branch. Edna says the only "catch" to it is that she can't pick the country to which she'll be sent. Incidentally, we made over 100% in our Red Cross Drive!

GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES

All over the country, the small vegetable garden is coming back. But it is not the 'War Garden' of 1918-19. It is - or can be - attractive, more productive, and more fun, if you read the book entitled "Grow Your Own Vegetables" by Paul W. Dempsey, a practical manual which includes recent revolutionary discoveries in the technique of vegetable gardening. It contains a new section of text, photographs, and charts on the model 'Twenty-Minute-A-Day Garden' of Albert C. Burrage, Jr. This book is available in the Club Library.

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Taken

At a USO dance at an advanced base one night, a young lady noticed a sailor wearing an unusual identification bracelet. Taking the sailor's wrist, she read: "Hands off! He's mine.- Julie."

ATTENTION HOBBYISTS!

Come on, hobbyists, and get your entries in for the show. This is a good time to get your exhibit together, because you'll already have all those treasures out for their spring dusting. A number of collectors have responded to the first announcement of the hobby show, but Frances Sayre is just waiting to hear from you people who have handiwork to enter, or possibly an old photograph album of the gay nineties. This is an opportune time to show the rest of us the interesting stamps from mail sent by your friends and relatives serving in the armed forces abroad, as well as the other war mementoes they've sent back home.

Don't forget - although you may have had an exhibit in last year's hobby show, there are a good many new members of FCA who would like to see it, and in the meantime you have probably been adding to your collection. Be sure to spread the word around to the other members of your family that they are also eligible to enter their pet hobbies in the show.

Let's make this the best hobby show we have ever had - we can do it - if YOU will enter an exhibit of your hobby.

(MRP)

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Kitty has a little swing,
It isn't hard to find;
For everywhere that Kitty goes
The swing is just behind.

CLUBROOM NOTES

The Club Library continues to buy the latest and most popular books; the following have been recently received:

Good Night Sweet Prince by Gene Fowler

The Final Hour by Taylor Caldwell

What Became of Anna Bolton by Louis Bromfield

Wait for Mrs. Willard by Dorothy Langley

The Man With the Lumpy Nose by Lawrence Lariar

The Case of the Giant Killer by H. C. Bronson

The Narrow Cell by Dale Clark

Hotel Berlin by Vicki Baum

SOME GOOD READING

Of course, the lending library of the Farm Credit Club specializes in the latest novels and mysteries. But do you know that it also contains a number of older books from the Modern Library? Included among them are the following: Balzac's Old Goriot, Bennett's Old Wives Tale, Bronte's Jane Eyre, Fielding's Tom Jones, Flaubert's Madame Bovary, Hudson's Green Mansions, Lawrence's Sons and Lovers, Melville's Moby Dick, Standahl's The Red and The Black, and Wharton's Ethan Frome. If you like essays, you might try Montaigne's; and Whitman's Leaves of Grass will appeal to all lovers of poetry.

SOME GOOD LISTENING

Two albums in the Farm Credit Club's lending library of phonograph records offer a wealth of good listening to

lovers of the best in music. They are Victor's HEART OF THE SYMPHONY and HEART OF THE PIANO CONCERTO. Each album contains excerpts from eight different compositions including among symphonies Beethoven's Fifth, Brahms's First, Dvorak's New World, Rimski-Korsakov's Scheherazade, and Shubert's Unfinished; and among concertos Beethoven's Third, Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue, Grieg's A minor, Mozart's D minor, Rachmaninoff's Second, and Tschaikowsky's B flat minor.

You may borrow these albums and dozens of others for a few cents a day. If you have any suggestions for the purchase of new records, give them to Mary Frances Sandoval in the Clubroom during any lunch hour.

TUESDAY LUNCHEON MOVIES

12: 15 and 1 p.m.

April 25

YOUNG URUGUAY

and

WEALTH OF THE ANDES

Two new travelogues in technicolor.
Time - 40 minutes.

HIKERS ENJOY PARK

Only a corporal's guard rolled out of their warm beds to brave last Sunday's chilly wind and overcast sky for the exploration of Wyandotte County Park. But leaders Elkins and Rapp felt well repaid for their efforts, because the four ladies supplied a marvelous lunch which included broiled steaks and

weiners with all the trimmings. Orchids to Dorothy Dick, Helen McCabe, Martha Pat Ross, and Loretta McMillan.

Another hike along the wooded trails of Wyandotte County Park is planned for next month. By special request the leaders will provide a warm sun for the special benefit of certain of our fair weather hikers who thought last Sunday was too cold and damp for hiking. Next time they should remember the old proverb "rain before seven, clear before eleven."

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTIONS
TOTAL \$4,081

Since the last issue of the Grapevine was published, Farm Credit employees have made additional pledges to the American Red Cross aggregating \$64.

According to Irv Dyke and Joe Fraile, co-chairmen of the War Fund Drive, Farm Credit employees pledged a total of \$3,921.25 through the Farm Credit Administration and \$159.75 in their own communities, a total contribution by Farm Credit Administration employees of \$4,081.

Altogether 571 of the 584 employees who were available made contributions, leaving only 13 persons who failed to participate in the drive. It is interesting to note that the average contribution per available employee was almost precisely \$7, or 14¢ per person more than the average counted on at the time the quota was established. Dyke and Fraile feel that this performance is one in which we may take justifiable pride.

WAGS NEVER LAG

The versatility of the WAGS scored another point Tuesday evening when they entertained their members and special guests with a buffet supper.

Sharply at 5:45, the smell of Virginia ham (Kansas City), potato salad, mixed fresh vegetables, hot rolls, cake, and steaming coffee, was wafted through the halls, and many a disappointed WAG, who neglected to send in her reservation, reluctantly left the building.

The flower-trimmed paper plates and cups were a delight to the special guest speaker, Michael Seidmann, war refugee from his native Austria, who every day finds something new in this wonderful America at which to marvel, like lemon pie, popcorn, ice cream, and attractive women.

Mr. Seidmann gave a complete account of his sojourn in war-torn Europe after the Nazis took over in Austria up to the time he landed on American soil. With a European background of higher education, he was able in 4 years to master English, complete a course in accountancy, and further pursue the study of music.

A most convincing speaker, he left his listeners with a new prospective of their beloved America and a somewhat guilty feeling that they take too much for granted this wonderful land of ours.

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KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS

Willy



Dere Ma:

Well, Ma, I bin out in the feeld again. It sure is a fassynatin plais. This time I went to Texas. Texas is biggern anything else except Texas.

I learnt a lot about Texas. They is no truth that Texas is going to sine a seperit peece. I woodn't say Texans enjoy the war, because they no how horrible it is, but I will say this, when they is fighting to be dun, a Texan just wants to know two things, which way to shute and whear to go for moar bullits when his first stock runs out.

They is plaisses in Texas that is so far from any other plaiss in Texas that they is closer to almost any other plaiss you can naim which is not in Texas. That is how it happens that El Pazzo, Texas, is the largest citty in New Mexico.

They is a good deel of Spanish infloence in Texas. It has underwent some chainges during the yeers, though. In Spane they still fite bulls. In Texas they just throw them.

They is a grate many good looking girls in Texas. None of them wood taik a good look at me, though. That is one plaiss where Texas is no different from every other plaiss.

They is a Farm Credit Adminnystratchun in Hughstun, which is in Texas. All the girls got they names on they desks. That way you kin maik a pass at them by naim instead of just anonimussly. I think sumbuddy could maik a lot of money selling glasses to the girls in Texas. They can't see nuthin. At lease, they wasn't a one that could see me.

But they is one thing whear we in Missory can brag. At lease we got a longer winter than Texas. Down there they is going around like sissy pantz smelling the roases and waring straw hats. Up hear we still are proving we are reel men and are braving the wintry blasts. Any buddy can live where it is summer the year around. It talks strength to stand our winters.

Yore loving son
Willy

SAVE \$75 ON PLANT FOOD

Through group purchasing arrangements, made by the Club's Victory Garden Committee, lime and fertilizer were made available to all Farm Credit employees at prices substantially below retail.

Sixty employees took advantage of the offer and purchased 39 bags of limestone and 59 bags of fertilizer at a saving of approximately \$75.

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Some men criticize the girls who wear revealing garments - but ignore those who don't.



Sportlight



ARMACOST WINS MEN'S BOWLING SWEEPSTAKES

The men's bowling league came to a close Monday, April 10, with a sweepstakes, Armacost, making his third appearance of the season in the FCA Men's Bowling League, walked off with the top prize with a 632 gross set. McClain and Uhlenhop with 586 and 584, respectively, took the second and third prizes. The prize of high net game went to George Olson when he banged out a 232 game. "Mike" McCabe with a 443 gross clinched the booby prize.

SIBLE AND SMITH TAKE TOP HONORS IN THE ANNUAL MIXED DOUBLES SWEEPSTAKES

Thirty-five couples went to the barrier last Monday night to determine which pair would be crowned as the outstanding pair of bowlers in the FCA. When the last ball cleared the maple-ways and the scores were compiled, chief score-keeper Ray McWhirt announced the duo of Edna Sible and Homer Smith the winners. The other team winners were Williams - Holman, second; Hague - Ganley, third; and Bark - Plott, fourth. High game for the women went to Anderson while McClurg was best for the men. Dorothy Dyhrberg and John Kennedy captured the usual booby

stake. The scores made by each of the above winners are not available as assistant score-keeper McCabe, who participated in the sweepstakes, destroyed them in disgust.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Due to the fact that the committee room, 2941, is being used for the various conventions during the next 2 weeks, the management of the Auditorium has requested that no Table Tennis be played. This is only a temporary delay in activity so don't let it dampen our zest for FCA's favorite indoor sport. We are glad to see the gals turn out for their share of sport, thanks to the efforts of Peggy Porter. The new Woodcraft table recently purchased by the Club is being enjoyed by all.

ATTENTION WOMEN GOLFERS!

All women golfers interested in participating in a golf tournament please notify Mary Jane McGee, Room 1447, as soon as possible.

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NO HELP

Little Boy: "Daddy, did you ever go to Sunday School?"

Old Non-Com: "Yes, son, regularly."

Little Boy: "I'll bet it doesn't do me any good either."

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A War Bond is the seal
of a faith well kept

EXPLORE THE OZARKS

Did you ever stop to think that the cost of a round trip railroad ticket to either Coast would more than pay for your entire vacation at a nearby recreation point?

Within 125 to 200 miles of Kansas City are numerous vacation places where you can drink in a year's supply of Vitamin D from Old Sol's rays in your allotted 2 weeks' vacation.

Branson, Hollister, Rockaway Beach, Lake Taneycomo, Lake of the Ozarks, are all vacation places right in Missouri. A leisurely float down the White or James Rivers sounds particularly enticing especially to our hiking groups and outdoor folks. These trips include fishing, stops to explore the shore at interesting points, and camping at night.

Oh! Glad you mentioned it. You say there's the matter of money. That's easily settled. A convenient loan from your FCA Employees Federal Credit Union will solve the problem. A credit union vacation can be free from worry; ask anyone who has taken one that way. And 20 percent of the money loaned by the Credit Union was for that purpose last year.

Cheerio! See you in the Ozarks.

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BUY MORE BONDS
TO HELP
BACK THE ATTACK

MORE NEW'S FROM FIELD AND CAMP

Pfc. Frank G. Lagergren, (17136036, Headquarters 439th Troop Carrier Group, APO 133, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.) Thought I would take time out to drop you a line or two. I can't say that I have anything exciting to write about but I did think that I would write this letter more or less just to say "hello." I trust that everything is running smoothly, for quite awhile I used to keep up pretty good on the happenings around there but since I've been over here, I haven't been receiving the Grapevine so I've lost track of things. I would like to write to the whole bunch back there but because that is an impossibility, I wonder if I could persuade you to pass around my greetings to all the gang. England is quite a country but I sure wouldn't trade it for the old USA. Things are so much different here. I have my camera and film with me and I intend taking some pictures of the different sights. The "Jerries" have put on a few wild shows for our entertainment. The show that we will put on for their benefit will be the show of shows, you can bet on that. All of us are hoping that the finale isn't too far away as we all want to get back home as soon as possible.

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What's your cat's name?

Ben Hur

How did you happen to choose that?

Well, we called him Ben until he had kittens.